

8. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polymeric material comprises a synthetic polymer.

9. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polymeric material has cationic or anionic groups.

10. (Amended) The composition of claim 9, wherein the polymeric material has carboxyl or sulfate ester groups.

11. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the polymeric material is selected from a salt of carboxymethylcellulose, aliginic acid or a salt thereof, a starch modified with anionic groups, agar, carrageenan, gum arabic, gum tragacanth, gum xanthan, pectin, carboxypolymethylene, a methyl vinyl ether/maleic acid copolymer and ammonio methacrylate copolymer, chitosan, a methacrylic acid copolymer, a hydrolysed gelatin.

12. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein there is present at least 10 wt. % of the polymeric material based on the weight of said base composition.

13. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a sugar.

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14. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a polyol, sucrose ester or polyglyceryl ester or a higher fatty acid or another polyol ester of a higher fatty acid.

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15. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, further comprising a biologically active compound.

20. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is cyclosporin A, Taxol, tacrolimus or a rampamycin.

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21. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is insulin, calcitonin or heparin.

22. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, wherein the biologically active compound is ubiquinone, tocopherol, carotenoid or a bioflavenoid.

23. (Amended) The composition of 1, which is of powder of size 50-2000 $\mu$ m.

24. (Amended) The composition of 1, which is of powder of size 50-1000 $\mu$ m.

25. (Amended) The composition of claim 1, which is of a granules of size 1-5  $\mu$ m.

26. (Amended) A method for making the composition of claim 1, which comprises dissolving or dispersing the ingredients in a solvent and removing said solvent.

35. (Amended) The composition of claim 1 or 31, wherein the lipid is derived from egg or soya.

38. (Amended) The composition of any of claim 31, wherein the polymer is selected from natural polysaccharide polymers, starches and their derivatives, cellulose and its derivatives and gelatin.

REMARKS

These amendments were made to place the application in a more suitable form prior to examination. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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